

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 1. (currently amended) A sprayable coating agent in the
2 form of granules containing cellulose and/or regenerated cellulose
3 and/or cellulosic raw materials as well as mixtures thereof with
4 synthetic fibers and/or inorganic fibers and/or in-organic,
5 coarse-grained, fine-grained or pulverulent substances and/or
6 organic polymer materials and/or auxiliaries or additives, whereby
7 the starting materials and/or mixtures thereof [[are]] being
8 compacted to form a pressed piece, subsequently ground up and
9 optionally sieved, so that the granules have a density of 1 g/cm³
10 to 5 g/cm³, a moisture content of 1% to 20%, a bulk density of 150
11 g/l to 1500 g/l and so that the ground up and optionally sieved
12 granules have the following particle-size distribution:

13 0 - 40 % by weight 0 - 600 µm
14 5 - 55 % by weight 600 - 1250 µm
15 5 - 95 % by weight > 1250 µm

16 or

17 0 - 15 % by weight 0 - 800 µm
18 10 - 85 % by weight 800 - 2000 µm
19 0 - 15 % by weight > 2000 µm.

1 2. (currently amended) The sprayable granules according
2 to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the density of the
3 granules preferably ranges from 1.2 g/cm³ to 3.1 g/cm³.

1 3. (currently amended) The sprayable granules according
2 to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the moisture content of
3 the granules preferably ranges from 2% to 12%.

1 4. (currently amended) The sprayable granules according
2 to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the bulk density of the
3 granules preferably ranges from 170 g/l to 600 g/l.

1 5. (currently amended) The sprayable granules according
2 to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the granules have the
3 following particle-size distribution:

4	0.2 - 5 % by weight	< 100 μm
5	1 - 15 % by weight	100 - 250 μm
6	4 - 25 % by weight	250 - 400 μm
7	8 - 30 % by weight	400 - 600 μm
8	10 - 35 % by weight	600 - 800 μm
9	15 - 40 % by weight	800 - 1250 μm
10	7 - 20 % by weight	> 1250 μm .

1 6. (currently amended) The sprayable granules according
2 to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the granules have the
3 following particle-size distribution:

4	5 - 10 % by weight	< 800 μm
5	10 - 50 % by weight	800 - 1250 μm

6 25 - 70 % by weight 1250 - 1600 μm
7 7 - 15 % by weight 1600 - 2000 μm
8 3 - 5 % by weight > 2000 μm .

1 7. (currently amended) The sprayable granules according
2 to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cellulose is selected
3 from the group consisting of cotton, linters, pulp, paper, flax,
4 hemp, jute, cuprammonium silk, rayon, lyocel and/or colored fibers.

1 8. (currently amended) The sprayable granules according
2 to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cellulosic raw
3 material is wood, wood shavings, sawdust, straw and/or cork.

1 9. (currently amended) The sprayable granules according
2 to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the synthetic fibers are
3 polyester, polyamide, polyacrylonitrile, poly-urethane,
4 polyethylene, polypropylene and/or acetate fibers.

1 10. (currently amended) The sprayable granules according
2 to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the inorganic fibers are
3 silicate, water glass, glass, metal and/or carbon fibers.

1 11. (currently amended) The sprayable granules according
2 to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cellulosic proportion

3 in the granules ranges from 40% to 100% by weight, ~~preferably from~~
4 ~~60% to 95% by weight.~~

1 12. (currently amended) The sprayable granules according
2 to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the proportion of
3 synthetic fibers in the granules ranges from 0% to 60% by weight,
4 ~~preferably from 5% to 30% by weight.~~

1 13. (currently amended) The sprayable granules according
2 to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the proportion of
3 inorganic fibers in the granules ranges from 0% to 60% by weight,
4 ~~preferably from 5% to 30% by weight.~~

1 14. (currently amended) The sprayable granules according
2 to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the inorganic,
3 coarse-grained, fine-grained or pulverulent substances are marble,
4 quartz sand, silicic acid, chalk, gypsum, carbonates and/or metal
5 oxides.

1 15. (currently amended) The sprayable granules according
2 to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the proportion of
3 inorganic coarse-grained, fine-grained or pulverulent substances in
4 the granules ranges from 0% to 40% by weight, ~~preferably from 5%~~
5 ~~to 25% by weight.~~

1 16. (currently amended) The sprayable granules according
2 to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the organic polymer
3 materials are polyethylene, polypropylene, polytetrafluoroethylene,
4 polystyrene foam, acrylates, rubber and/or other modified and
5 unmodified polysaccharides.

1 17. (currently amended) The sprayable granules according
2 to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the proportion of organic
3 polymer materials in the granules ranges from 0% to 40% by weight,
4 ~~preferably from 5% to 25% by weight.~~

1 18. (currently amended) The sprayable granules according
2 to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the granules contain the
3 familiar auxiliaries and additives in amounts ranging from 0% to
4 40% by weight, ~~preferably from 1% to 25% by weight.~~

1 19. (currently amended) The sprayable granules according
2 to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the auxiliaries and
3 additives are organic or inorganic substances, colorants, binders,
4 curing agents, dispersants, preservatives, fungicides, mica,
5 flame-resistant materials, nanoparticles of any type and/or water.

1 20. (currently amended) The sprayable granules according
2 to claim 19, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the colorant is a white
3 or colored organic or inorganic colorant.

1 21. (currently amended) A method for the production of
2 making the granules according to claim 1, characterized in that the
3 method comprising the step of:

4 grinding up the fibrous and coarse-grained starting
5 materials are ground up before [[the]] granulation by means of a
6 familiar method, whereby such that the grinding stock exhibits has
7 the following particle-size distribution:

8 5 - 1 % by weight, preferably 7 - 10 % by weight	< 100 μm
9 30 - 60 % by weight, preferably 40 - 55 % by weight	100 - 250 μm
10 10 - 30 % by weight, preferably 15 - 25 % by weight	250 - 400 μm
11 5 - 20 % by weight, preferably 8 - 15 % by weight	400 - 600 μm
12 0 - 3 % by weight, preferably 1 - 2 % by weight	< 600 μm .

1 22. (currently amended) The method for the production of
2 the granules according to claim 21, characterized in that wherein
3 the starting materials or material mixtures are compacted in a
4 generally known manner to form a pressed piece using a contact
5 force ranging from 30 kN to 400 kN, preferably from 50 to 200 kN,
6 subsequently ground up and optionally sieved.

1 23. (currently amended) The method for the production of
2 the granules according to claim 21, characterized in that wherein
3 the starting materials or material mixtures are compacted using a

4 commercially available compactor, for instance, a roller compactor
5 or a flat-matrix press.

1 24. (currently amended) The method for the production of
2 the granules according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that wherein~~
3 some of the auxiliaries or additives are admixed with the starting
4 materials or material mixtures prior to the compacting, grinding or
5 sieving operations.

1 25. (currently amended) The method for the production of
2 the granules according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that wherein~~
3 water is added to the starting materials or material mixtures prior
4 to the compacting, grinding or sieving operations.

1 26. (currently amended) The method for the further
2 processing of the granules according to claim 21, ~~characterized in~~
3 ~~that wherein~~ the granules are stirred with water to form a stiff,
4 semi-fluid, pasty coating compound having a viscosity ranging from
5 300 to 20,000 mPas, ~~preferably from 800 to 7000 mPas~~.

1 27. (currently amended) The method for the further
2 processing of the granules according to claim 1, ~~characterized in~~
3 ~~that wherein~~ the granules are stirred with water and optionally
4 with conventional auxiliaries and/or additives to form a stiff,

5 semi-fluid, pasty coating compound having a viscosity ranging from
6 300 to 80,000 mPas, ~~preferably from 1000 to 25,000 mPas.~~

1 28. (currently amended) The method for the further
2 processing of the granules according to claim 1, ~~characterized in~~
3 ~~that wherein~~ the granules are stirred with water and optionally
4 with colored fibers and/or metallic fibers and/or metallic
5 particles and/or mother-of-pearl and/or inorganic and/or organic
6 dyed particles in order to achieve certain visual effects so as to
7 form a stiff, semi-fluid, pasty coating compound having a viscosity
8 ranging from 300 to 90,000 mPas, ~~preferably from 1100 to 30,000~~
9 mPas.

1 29. (currently amended) The method for the further
2 processing of the granules according to claim 1, ~~characterized in~~
3 ~~that wherein~~ the stiff, semi-fluid, pasty coating compound contains
4 5% to 40% by weight, ~~preferably 10% to 30% by weight~~ of granules,
5 0% to 60% by weight, ~~preferably 25% to 50% by weight~~ of water and
6 0% to 95% by weight, ~~preferably 20% to 65% by weight~~ of
7 auxiliaries and/or additives.

1 30. (currently amended) The method for the further
2 processing of the granules according to claim 1, ~~characterized in~~
3 ~~that wherein~~ the stiff, semi-fluid, pasty coating compound is
4 applied onto the wall and/or ceiling surface to be coated with a

5 spraying device in a generally known manner, ~~whereby such that~~ the
6 desired surface structure can be set by the granularity of the
7 granules.

1 31. (currently amended) The method for the further
2 processing of the granules according to claim 1, ~~characterized in~~
3 ~~that wherein~~ the stiff, semi-fluid, pasty coating compound is
4 applied onto the wall and/or ceiling surface to be coated with
5 familiar techniques using, for instance, a trowel or spatula.

1 32. (currently amended) The method for the further
2 processing of the granules according to claim 26, ~~characterized in~~
3 ~~that wherein~~ the stiff, semi-fluid, pasty coating compound retains
4 its stable consistency even after a prolonged pot life, and can be
5 used even after a prolonged period of time.

1 33. (currently amended) The method for the further
2 processing of the granules according to claim 1, ~~characterized in~~
3 ~~that wherein~~ a dry mixture is prepared that contains 5% to 100% by
4 weight, ~~preferably 20% to 90% by weight of granules and 0% to 95%~~
5 ~~by weight, preferably 10% to 80% by weight of auxiliaries and/or~~
6 ~~additives.~~

1 34. (currently amended) The method according to claim
2 ~~33, characterized in that wherein~~ the dry mixture is stirred with

3 water to form a stiff, semi-fluid, pasty coating compound and is
4 then applied onto the wall and/or ceiling surface to be coated.

1 35. (currently amended) The use of the granules
2 according to claim 11 [[or]] further processed for the decorative
3 coating, finishing or structuring of interior and/or exterior
4 surfaces.